

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES “JIM” SCHRANZ

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James “Jim” Schranz for his tireless efforts to promote and expand retirement security for all Americans. Jim has played an integral role in the formation of the Employee-owned S Corporations of America, ESCA.

Next week, he officially will step down as Treasurer so that he and his wife, Nancy, can fully enjoy their retirement. Jim began working at Austin Industries after completing his MBA from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. At Austin Industries, Jim worked his way up the ranks, rising to Vice President of Human Resources. Since 1998, he has used his knowledge of the importance of this unique retirement savings vehicle to help protect and expand it to other businesses across Texas and the United States.

Through ESCA's efforts, Members of Congress have become better educated about retirement savings benefits created by private, employee-owned companies for their employee-owners. Jim has been instrumental in the fight to prevent inadvertent harm to S corporation ESOPs, particularly in the days of pension reform. His retirement is well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Jim and wishing him all the best as he retires.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF
ORIGINAL MONTFORD POINT MARINE
SGT. EARL EVAN, JR.,
USMC

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of original Montford Point Marine Sgt. Earl Evans, Jr., USMC.

I was honored to host Mr. Evans here in the Capitol the day the House voted on the Congressional Gold Medal for the Montford Point Marines. I was lucky enough to have lunch with him that day and was able to listen to how proud he was to have served his nation. A picture from that day sits on my desk right now. He was in the House gallery when the final vote of 415–0 was completed and all the Members of this body turned to give him and other Montford Point Marines a standing ovation.

Deacon Earl Evans, Jr., son of the late Earl J. Evans and Delcie Alston Ogburn, was born on September 25, 1929, in Greensboro, North Carolina. He departed this life on February 14, 2012.

Earl received his formal education in the Greensboro, North Carolina, public school system. Because of his love for the military, he joined the United States Marine Corps in September 1946. During his years of active service, he attained the rank of Sergeant and deployed to places such as Guam and Korea. Earl's plans as a career Marine ended in 1953 due to injuries sustained while in combat. He received numerous awards and citations including the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Service Medal with one Silver Star, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Award, United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He retired from the Marine Corps on July 8, 1953, with an Honorable Discharge.

Upon being discharged from military service and returning home, he met and married the love of his life Madie Louise Vines of Greensboro, North Carolina. This union was blessed with two daughters, Ramona and Frenita.

Earl dedicated over 34 years of Federal Service which included seven years as a Special Policeman for the District Government and 25 years with the Veterans' Benefits Office in Washington, DC, from which he retired.

Earl was a fervent believer in Christ. He joined Bethesda Baptist Church on October 26, 1958, and served in the following ministries: Male Chorus, Sunday School, Williams Memorial Bible Class, Men's Ministry, Leader of Prayer Group 22, Baptist Training Union, Vacation Bible School, Club 66, the Old Timer's Quartet and numerous activities. He was ordained as a Deacon under the late Pastor, Reverend John D. Bussey.

Earl truly loved life and possessed many talents. He was a creative and intellectual person. He memorized Bible verses and always found things to invent around the house. His other gifts included sewing, cooking, singing, composing music, playing instruments, writing many poems and speeches, often at the request of others. He was an avid fisherman and gardener.

He always stayed involved in one activity or another. Earl volunteered locally at his neighborhood Ardmore Village Association as a Block Captain. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, H Chapter 7 of Bowie, Maryland, and the Montford Point Marine Association, Chapter 6 of Washington, DC.

Earl leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Madie; two daughters, Ramona Reed-Sellman of Capital Heights, Maryland, Frenita (Clarence) Hope of Silver Spring, Maryland; nine grand-children and twelve great-grandchildren. Also, he leaves behind, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lavalie and Hugo Hendricks of Palm Coast, Florida, and Reverend Chester (Beverly) Burke, Jr., and a host of other relatives and friends.

HONORING DANNY THOMAS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, his parents sought this country and the great promise of America. As the child of immigrants, ingrained in Danny Thomas' very core was the belief that Americans should thank the United States for the gift of freedom. The life and legacy of Danny Thomas is marked by his fidelity to faith and his dedication to those who might lose hope.

Danny Thomas' legacy is one of acting, sports, family, and faith. An Emmy-winning actor, Thomas starred in one of the most successful and honored comedy shows, “Make Room for Daddy.” An original owner of the Miami Dolphins, he was, as well, an avid golfer and two PGA championships bore his name. Moved by the faithfulness of the Almighty, and Thomas' belief that no child should be turned away from medical care regardless of race, religion, or ability to pay, Danny began raising money for St. Jude Children's Center in the early 1950s. Pope Paul VI named Thomas a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and President Ronald Reagan presented him with a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. But Thomas' true legacy isn't the awards bestowed on him by world leaders, but the grateful thanks given by children around the world.

St. Jude is a place where children afflicted with disease, and parents burdened by lost hope, can find healing and the promise of tomorrow. Countless children, parents, families, and friends will forever be grateful for Danny Thomas and his vision as they receive superior medical care, the benefits of cutting-edge research, and an environment colored with optimism. As we celebrate Thomas' 100th birthday, and the 50 years of St. Jude Children's hospital, by unveiling a postage stamp in his honor, we celebrate his dedication to serving the most vulnerable among us. I rise today to honor Danny Thomas and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all those whose noble work brings healing and hope.

HONORING DEWZ RESTAURANT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dewz Restaurant in its success as an OpenTable Diner's Top 100 “Best Overall” restaurants in the nation for 2011.

This prestigious award comes from the OpenTable Diner's Choice “2011 Annual Winners—Best Overall Top 100 Restaurant List,” based on the reviews of more than 10 million

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